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Onondaga Free Library Winter Programming

December 2021, January & February 2022

Registration for ALL programs (except Storytimes) opens the 20th of the month prior.

Poetry Reading with Local Poet & Veteran, Richard Rodriguez

Saturday, Dec. 11 at 10:30am

Join us in welcoming local poet and veteran Richard Rodriguez in sharing some of his original work.

Rodriguez holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the University of Texas at Arlington. Richard holds numerous local and national awards for his writings, including taking 1st place in the 2019 National Veteran's Arts Competition for his poem "Homeless Masses" and 2nd place in 2020 for his thought-provoking poem "Just Say No".

Rodriguez is also a member of the Syracuse Veterans' Writing Group.

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*Now is the time
for the world to see,
what in the world,
we're meant to be,
for us to unite
is the call,
for us to become one
should include us all;
heritage, language,
customs and such,
shall remain plentiful
and mean so much;
for these not only
are the bricks and boards
but the main ingredients
that unites our
shores.*

~ Richard Rodriguez

Recommended for adults. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Marketing & Branding Your Small Business Online

Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30pm

The experts from Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Onondaga will be joining us to talk about marketing and branding your business online- through your website, social media and more! Learn the best online tools to strategically market your business.

Recommended for adults. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



TEEN Mindfulness Matters: Creating a Joy Space

Thursday, 1/20 at 7pm

Everyone needs a place where they can relax and feel safe - a place that allows you to embrace who you are and be yourself. In this fun program for tweens and teens, we will learn how to turn a space (like your bedroom!) into a cozy retreat to support your well being. Attendees will make their own mini Zen garden for their Joy Space!

For teens in grades 5+. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**



CANDYLAND EXTRAVAGANZA!

Feb. 22-26 - DROP-IN FOR ALL AGES!

Enter the delicious world of Candyland for a guaranteed sweet time! The entire first floor of the library will be transformed into your own personal board game and we know you can make it to Candy Castle with a little encourage-mint!

Register and learn more about any of our programs and services at www.oflibrary.org

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For Adults...

Registration for programs opens
the 20th of the month prior.

Movie Showings

Join us once a month for a popular new release!

Dec. 4 at 2pm - Respect (PG-13) - 2 hrs, 25 mins

Following the rise of Aretha Franklin's career from a child singing in her father's church's choir to her international superstardom, RESPECT is the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice.



January & February movie showings TBA- Check online calendar for updates. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Jewelry Classes - Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Make fabulous jewelry for yourself or to give as a gift!

◆ **Dec. 8 - Holly Berry Earrings**

◆ **Jan. 19 - Make What You Want!**

Make a project from a previous class
OR find inspiration in our many different beads, pendants and charms and make something that is all your own!



◆ **Feb. 9 - Heart Cuff Bracelet**

Cost: \$7/person per class - Pay at the class

For adults & teens. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

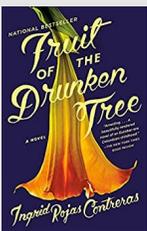


Book Clubs

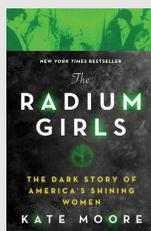
Visit our online calendar for availability of titles.

Diverse Voices Monthly at 7pm

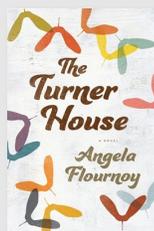
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Wed, 1/12

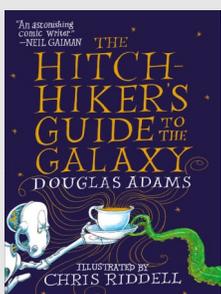


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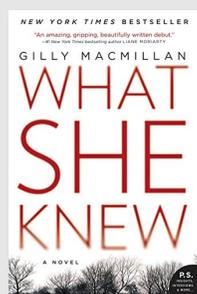
Sci-Fi/Fantasy

Sat, 1/29 at 2pm



Thrilling Reads

Sat, 2/19 at 2pm



Strathmore Speakers Series

Thursdays at 7pm - ONLINE via Zoom

The popular local speakers series continues to partner with OFL this winter to bring you informational and inspirational lectures about a variety of topics.

⇒ **Jan. 13** - Master Beekeeper Bill Kaufman, "The Past, Present & the Future of Human-Bee Relations"

⇒ **Feb. 10** - Speaker & Topic TBA

Recommended for adults. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Google Suite: 3-Part Series - Fridays, 2-3pm

Join OFL's Digital Services and Technology librarian for an in-depth look at 3 of Google's most powerful tools:

⇒ Jan. 14 - Google Drive

Recommended for adults.

⇒ Jan. 21 - Google Docs

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

⇒ Jan. 28 - Google Slides

for each session.

Video Editing Basics: 2-Part Series

Tuesdays, Feb. 1 & 8 at 6:30pm

Editing professional-looking videos has never been easier thanks to Filmora X, the free video editing platform from Wondershare. In this two-part series, learn how to use this incredibly user-friendly editing program, from basic cuts, to green screen effects, mixing audio, split-screen, and more! Filmora X is perfect for both beginners and more advanced editors alike. No previous editing experience required.

Recommended for adults and teens.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED-

Registering for 1 session registers you for both sessions.

1-on-1 Techtorials

Mondays & Fridays at 10:30am & 2:00pm

45 minute appointments

Looking for tech support for your computer or mobile device? Need assistance setting up your Windows PC or Macbook? Or would you like to learn how to use one of the library's many digital services, such as Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, Ancestry or Newsbank? Sign up for a one-on-one techtorial!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Crafts with Friends

Thursdays, 9:30-10:30am

You're invited to meet, chat, share crafting/hobby ideas, and work on your current projects. Be sure to browse the library's Crafts & Hobbies collection too! There is no fee, no obligation – just bring your craft/hobby and a friend! **No registration necessary.**
Presented by the Friends of OFL.



Onondaga & the Revolution: Valley Forge, 1777-1778

Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6:30pm

Join us for an insightful look at the connection between the Town of Onondaga and the Valley Forge winter of 1777-1778.

Among those who suffered and trained with George Washington's army during that long bitter winter were six residents of the future Town of Onondaga, including Captain James Beebe.

Go on a fascinating journey with Captain Beebe and his five compatriots, from Monmouth to Valley Forge and on to the founding of the Town of Onondaga, where both Beebe and his brothers in arms were eventually laid to rest. Today, you can visit their graves in the Walnut Grove Cemetery on Onondaga Hill.

***Presented by the Town of Onondaga Historical Society
in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution***

Recommended for adults. *This is a hybrid in-person and virtual program.*
REGISTRATION REQUIRED whether you plan to attend in-person or virtually.

In-person

Zoom



For Teens & Tweens...

Registration for programs opens
the 20th of the month prior.



Junior Library Volunteers

Meetings: Thursday, 12/16, 6-7pm &
Saturdays, 1/22 & 2/26, 2-3pm

Do you want to volunteer at the library? Join our team of emerging teen leaders. Volunteers help plan library events, create book displays, write book reviews and complete community service projects.

For teens in grades 7-12. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

All participants are encouraged to complete a JLV application to stay up-to-date on additional volunteer opportunities- Visit www.oflibrary.org/volunteer for more information.

Homeschool: Library Study Skills

2-Part Series: Wednesdays, Jan. 12 & 19, 2-3pm

Working on a research project? Join us this winter for a 2-part Library Study Skills series:

- ⇒ **Week 1:** Discover library databases and resources for homework help
- ⇒ **Week 2:** Strategic searching and website evaluation

*Students are encouraged but not required to bring a research topic.

For students in grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED- Registering for 1 session registers you for both sessions.



S.T.E.A.M.: Intro to Coding

Thursdays, 1/27 & 2/24, 4-5pm

This introductory class is for tweens and teens interested in exploring what coding is all about through hands-on activities. We will learn block coding with Sphero, OzoBots, Scratch and OSO games. Librarians will also showcase their favorite "Learn to Code" resources for beginners.

For teens in grades 5+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



TEEN



Winter Break Week

School's out and OFL is the place to be...

- * **Wed, 12/29, 2-4pm - Board Game Meetup**
Bring a friend and your favorite board games to play at the library! Don't have games to share? We've got you covered with classics on hand, including Monopoly, Pictionary, Uno and Apples to Apples.
- * **Thurs, 12/30, 6:30-8:00pm - Marvel Fandom Night**
Join us for an exciting Marvel-themed night with games, crafts and a costume contest. Come dressed as your favorite Marvel character and you will be automatically entered to win a Regal Movie gift card.
- * **Fri, 12/31, 1-4pm - Gamer Meetup**
Calling all Xbox gamers- test your Madden and MLB skills at our gamer meetup! Additional Xbox GamePass games available for play.

For teens in grades 6+.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each event.

Presented by OFL's Junior Library Volunteers.

Dungeons & Dragons

Join one of the library's TEEN Dungeons & Dragons Clubs - We have 2 great teen led campaigns! New and experienced players welcome!

- ⇒ **Group A meets Thursdays, 6-8pm**
Weekly December through February
- ⇒ **Group B meets Saturdays, 1-2pm**
Dates TBA

For teens in grades 6+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Rom-Com Party



Friday, 2/25, 1-4pm

Are you a fan of romantic comedies? Put on your favorite PJs and join us in the new Teen Space for a rom-com movie bash - Play games, make crafts and meet other rom-com fans! Vote on your favorite rom-com to watch with friends.

Presented by OFL's Junior Library Volunteers

For teens in grades 7+. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

READ WOKE

Join the READ WOKE Reading Challenge!

ONGOING PROGRAM- Start anytime and finish at your own pace!

Learn more at www.oflibrary.com/read-woke



Explore our **NEW** **S.T.E.A.M.** **Station Activities!**

S.T.E.A.M. stands for **science**, **technology**, **engineering**, **arts** and **math**. Engaging in **S.T.E.A.M.** is a great way to help your child/children cultivate and develop critical thinking, problem-solving and creativity skills with an emphasis in valuing the learning process itself across disciplines. Discover fun and educational activities in our newly redesigned **S.T.E.A.M.** Station!



Science: Geology/Rock Identification, Magnetism, Anatomy Building Set



Technology: Cubelets, Merge Cube, StikBots, Sphero Mini, OSMO (kits must be checked out on a library card)



Engineering: Keva Planks, Picasso Tiles, LEGOs



Arts: Origami, Story Cubes



Math: Cipher Wheel, Rubik's Cube, Genius Square

Recommended for school-age kids.

For in-house use only. Adult supervision recommended.

Located on the 1st floor in our Juvenile Non-Fiction area.

Learn more about our **S.T.E.A.M.** Station at www.oflibrary.org/steam-station

For Kids...

Registration for programs opens
the 20th of the month prior.

**Note: Children under
the age of 8 may not be left
unattended in the library.**



S.T.E.A.M. Tech Toy Petting Zoo

Tuesday, 12/21 at 4-5pm

Do(es) your child(ren) love robots, coding and art? Join us at our tech toy petting zoo where stations will be set up for your child(ren) to play and explore. Play with Cubelets, OSMO, Sphero Mini, Robot mice and the Merge Cube.

**Recommended for kids in grades K-5,
but all are welcome! No registration necessary.**

Art for Homeschoolers

Wednesdays, 2:00-3:30pm

Learn about the history of art! Each session will feature a short introduction to a specific style of art followed by an opportunity to create their own masterpieces.

- ♦ **Dec. 8:** Mosaic Myths & Legends ft. Paolo Uccello
 - ♦ **Feb. 9:** Greek Sculpture ft. The Bronze Running Girl
- For kids in grades 3-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

Young Artists

Saturdays, 12/11 & 2/12, 2:00-3:30pm

Same as Art for Homeschoolers but
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!

For kids in grades 3-7. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

American Girl

Thursdays, 12/16 & 2/3, 6:00-7:30pm

Let's celebrate the traditions and history of the holidays with stories, crafts and songs of the American Girls. Feel free to bring dolls and your own stories of family traditions to share.

For kids in grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Pokémon

Mondays, 1/10 & 1/24, 6-7pm

Enjoy a fun game of strategy and partnership while battling new friends with Pokémon cards. **All skill levels are welcome!** Please note that due to social distancing restrictions, each child will hold their card in play and read it out loud to the other player. No trading will be allowed.

**For kids in grades 2-5.
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.**



Paper Crafts

Grades K-2: Tuesday, 12/28 at 1:30pm
Grades 3-6: Tuesday, 12/7 at 5:00pm

With paper, the possibilities are endless! Join the fun in making a gift for yourself or someone else. Instructions will be provided for a few different paper crafts along with paper, scissors, glue, markers and more! Feel free to bring your own ideas too!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each session.

Melted Snowman Slime Making

Saturday, 12/18 at 2pm

Join us in getting messy as we make our very own slime to look like a melted snow person.

For kids in grades 2-6. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.



Narwhal & Jelly Fan Club

Saturday, 1/8 at 2pm

Share the adventures of this graphic novel series for early readers- Explore the books, play trivia games and create your own Narwhal & Jelly crafts.

For kids in grades K-2. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

A Fairy Good Time

Saturday, 1/15 at 2pm

Enter the magical realm of the fairies where you'll be sure to have a fairy good time! Create your own magical wand, fairy jar and fairy door to take home. Costumes encouraged, but not required.

For kids in grades K-3. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Be sure to check out our January art exhibit on the 2nd floor featuring Flower and Fairy Art by Lisa Davis.



Saturday, February 5th

OFL has books, movies, board games, S.T.E.A.M. Station activities, LEGOs, a puppet theater and more! Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by exploring all that OFL has to offer!

Mo Willems Celebration: 2-3pm
**Recommended for kids in grades K-2,
but all are welcome! REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

For Families...

Registration for programs opens
the 20th of the month prior.
(Exception: Storytimes)

**Note: Children under
the age of 8 may not be left
unattended in the library.**

Holiday Movie Nights

Mondays in December at 6pm

- * Dec. 6: *The Polar Express* - 1hr, 40mins
- * Dec. 13: *The Muppet Christmas Carol* - 1hr, 26mins
- * Dec. 20: *Arthur Christmas* - 1hr, 37mins
- * Dec. 27: *Santa Buddies* - 1hr, 28mins

For all ages! REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each movie.

Movie Showings

Join us once a month for a popular new release!

Dec. 18 at 10am - *Paw Patrol: The Movie* - 1 hr, 25 mins

Ryder and the pups are called to Adventure City to stop Mayor Humdinger from turning the bustling metropolis into a state of chaos.

January & February movie showings TBA- Check online calendar for updates. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

For Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers...

***NEW* Registration for storytimes opens Monday at 9am each week.**

Baby/Toddler Storytimes

Wednesdays at 9:30am & Fridays at 10:30am

No storytimes between Christmas & New Year's.

(Same storytime presented both days each week.)

Join us for lap bounces and lots of songs and fingerplays as we meet new friends!

For birth to 2 years old. Siblings welcome!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.

Preschool Storytimes

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:45am

No storytimes between Christmas & New Year's.

(Same storytime presented both days each week.)

Join us at the library for fun animal-themed stories, songs and activities.

For ages 3-5. Siblings welcome!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for each storytime.

Notes about Storytimes:

- ⇒ Registration is currently required for indoor storytimes as there is limited space to ensure social distancing.
- ⇒ Register both the parent/caregiver AND the child(ren).
- ⇒ Please register for only one session of each storytime per week to allow for more families to participate.
- ⇒ OFL is following the CDC's guidance on mask wearing at this time: All individuals aged 2 years or older must wear a mask at all times inside the library. Note: These guidelines may change depending on updated state, county, and/or town directives.

Books, Balls & Blocks



Presented by Help Me Grow Onondaga

Because your child's first 5 years of life are so important, we want to help you provide the best start for your child.

We will share fun, low-cost activities and books that you can share with your child at home to encourage development from birth until kindergarten. **Attend one or both of the following programs:**

Social Emotional Monday, 1/10 at 10am

Discuss the 7 areas of social-emotional development in children: ability to calm down, take direction and follow rules, communicate, perform daily activities, act independently, demonstrate feelings and interact with others.

Overall Development Monday, 1/31 at 10am

Discuss the 5 areas of development milestones in children: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving and personal social skills.

For parents and children, ages birth to 5 years old. REGISTRATION REQUIRED for both programs.

Registrants will be emailed a questionnaire within 72 hours of registering for each program. Questionnaire must be completed prior to each program, so your child(ren) can receive a full evaluation at each event.

Friends of OFL



Remember when you're holiday shopping...

The Friends of OFL are a supported charity on AmazonSmile!

Learn more at www.oflibrary.org/friends-of-ofl



15th Annual Festival of Trees

Buy Tickets: 11/19-12/10

Raffle Drawings: Saturday, Dec. 11

Come in anytime to see a beautiful display of miniature Christmas trees decorated by local businesses, schools, community groups and families.

Take a chance at winning a tree full of holiday cheer! Buy raffle tickets at the front desk. *Contactless option available*— **Learn more at www.oflibrary.org/festival-of-trees** | Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5

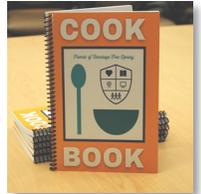
Bag & Cookbook Sale

Saturdays, Dec. 11 & 18, 10am-2pm

Stop by the library to purchase the Friends reusable bags! They're perfect for your quick trip to the library, to a holiday gathering or even to the beach (well, not in this weather!). They also make great holiday gifts— Show your loved ones you support OFL.

The Friends will also be selling their cookbooks, which includes over 180 recipes submitted by the CNY community. Another great gift idea!

Prices: TBA



Updates...

OFL is now FINE FREE! Our goal with this initiative is to allow all people in our community to have more access to library collections and digital resources. *Learn more at www.oflibrary.org/fine-free*

How Busy is OFL?

Keep an eye on our occupancy— Visit our website to view our density counter software and discover busy times.



Curbside Pickup

Not comfortable entering public facilities? Do you have limited mobility? Or don't want to get the kids out of the car? Use our curbside pickup service!

Meeting Rooms

All of our meeting rooms are available for reservation!

- ⇒ **Community Room:** Capacity 30 people
- ⇒ **3 Small Meeting Rooms:** Capacity 4-10 people

Reserve up to 3 hours a day per individual/group. Various A/V equipment available in each room.

Learn more about our meeting rooms at www.oflibrary.org/meeting-rooms

Friends of OFL

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 1st Wednesday at 7pm
Meeting Dates: Dec. 1, Jan. 5 & Feb. 2

OFL Board of Trustees

Monthly Meetings - Regularly 4th Wednesday at 6pm
Meeting Dates: Dec. 22, Jan. 26 & Feb. 23

Library Closings:

Christmas
New Year's
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day

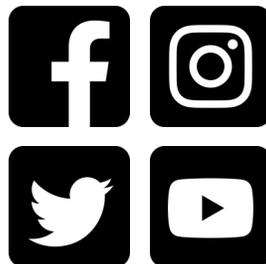
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Closed January 1
Closed January 17
Closed February 21

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Library Hours

Monday	9:00am - 8:30pm
Tuesday	9:00am - 8:30pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 8:30pm
Thursday	9:00am - 8:30pm
Friday	10am - 5pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm
Sunday	Closed